Meridian. A dark shadow is enclosing over Shir Valley.

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AAAH!

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For thousands of years, the same scenario has repeated itself every twenty years.

A dark evil devours the valley.

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First day.

IT SHOWED UP THIS MORNING.

SO, THE BLACK CLOUD HAS ARRIVED AGAIN, HUH?

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HOW DID YOU KNOW?

I CAN NO LONGER SEE IT, BUT I CAN SENSE ITS EVIL POWER.

"THE PEOPLE HIDE AND THE ANIMALS ARE RESTLESS."

WOOOWLL

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I'M SCARED, GRANDMA!

IN THREE DAYS, THAT CLOUD WILL DISAPPEAR, JUST LIKE IT ALWAYS HAS . . .

. . . AND EVERYTHING WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL. BUT FOR THREE DAYS, HORROR WILL RULE AUTOCRATICALLY HERE IN MERIDIAN.

First day.
In front of the cloud.

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER! STANDING GUARD HERE MAKES YOU FILLED WITH ANGUISH.

TWO MORE DAYS. THEN IT'S OVER.

IF THERE AT LEAST WAS SOMEONE TO KEEP US COMPANY!

SSSCHH ...

RUSTLE RUSTLE!!!

OVER THERE!

HALT!

UM ... IT WAS A MISTAKE!

WALI ...

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THE QUEEN HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO NOT LET ANYONE GET CLOSE TO THIS AREA! NOW LEAVE, YOU TATTERDEMALION!

I'M SORRY ...

... BUT I HAPPENED TO TAKE THE WRONG PATH!

THREE TIMES IN A ROW?

TLIC

IF I SEE YOUR FACE HERE AGAIN ...

GO BACK TO THE ROAD-BLOCK, CAPTAIN! I'LL ACCOMPANY OUR GUEST TO THE RIVER!

CALEB, YOU SHOULD STOP HANGING OUT WITH THAT RABBLE ...

AND YOU SHOULD GIVE BACK WHAT YOU JUST TOOK!

THAT'S CHEATING! YOU KNOW ALL OF MY SECRET MOVES!

WELL?

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Second day, at the castle . . .

YOU'RE WRONG, ELYON! CALEB IS NOT SUITABLE TO GUARD OVER THE CLOUD!

I REPEAT THAT I HAVE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION!

THERE IS NO ONE IN ALL OF MERIDIAN WHO I PUT MY TRUST IN MORE!

YOU ARE THE QUEEN, YOU HAVE TO ACT WISELY . . .

. . . WITHOUT LETTING YOUR FEELINGS INFLUENCE YOU!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FATHER?

WHEN WE LIVED IN HEATHERFIELD, CALEB WAS HERE AND LED THE REVOLT AGAINST MY BROTHER, PHOBOS, WHO SEIZED THE THRONE!

HE DEFENDED THE PEOPLE . . .

HE PREVENTED THE RUIN OF MERIDIAN! MAYBE YOU FORGOT ABOUT THAT?

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BESIDES, HE KNOWS SHIR'VALLEY VERY WELL!

BUT HE'S NOT PART OF THE ROYAL GUARDS! AND BY THE WAY, YOU OFFERED HIM TO LEAD THEM, BUT HE SAID NO!

BUT HE AGREED ON LEADING THEM TO THE CLOUD . . .

ONE DAY I'LL DISCOVER WHICH ONE HAS THE MOST PERSISTENCY!

OHHH . . .

ELYON!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY?

I CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING EVIL WHICH IS BECOMING STRONGER AND STRONGER . . .

HONEY, YOUR POWER, THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN, IS CLOSELY CONNECTED TO WHAT'S HAPPENING!

THE BLACK CLOUD IS EXERCISING HIS EVIL EFFECT ON YOU MORE THAN ON ANYONE!

BUT TOMORROW IT'LL DISAPPEAR AND YOU'LL BE YOURSELF AGAIN.

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The sun goes down over the third day.

It hasn't disappeared, has it? Why didn't it disappear yet?

It seems like it's getting even . . . even . . .

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. . . even bigger and more evil!

What's that? It looks like a symbol . . .

I have no idea! I don't think I recognize it . . .

But I do recognize the color of The Light Of Meridian.

Meanwhile, under the same sky . . .

WHO'S THERE? WHO'S SPYING ON ME?

COME OUT, WHOEVER YOU ARE! DARE SHOWING Y . . .

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AAAAH!

KSHHH

A flash in the sky and a sudden beam takes Elyon's light away!

A dawn filled with anxiety, heralds a new day in Meridian.

THE CLOUD HAS CHANGED SINCE THAT SYMBOL SHOWED UP!

YEAH, AND IT DOESN'T GIVE NOTICE OF BEING ANYTHING GOOD!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE OPPOSED THE CLOUD, AND NOW ITS RESIDENT'S TAKING OUT ITS REVENGE ON ELYON.

" AND I THINK I KNOW WHO'S GUILTY . . ."

IT'S THE SAME SYMBOL WHICH SHOWED UP IN THE CLOUD!

OH, CALEB! HE GAVE ME THIS SCAR WHEN HE ABSORBED MY POWERS, MY LIFE ESSENCE . . .

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I DON'T HAVE MUCH LEFT OF IT, AND NOW . . . I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA FAINT . . .

I'M HERE WITH YOU NOW! DON'T WORRY!

WHATEVER ATTACKED YOU, HE'S HIDING INSIDE THE CLOUD. I HAVE TO ENTER IT!

IT'S SAID THAT NO ONE WHO ENTERS IT EVER COMES BACK.

I HAVE TO! FOR MERIDIAN. FOR THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!

IF YOU'VE DECIDED, YOU'D BETTER GET A WORTHY PARTNER!

YOU SHOULDN'T GET UP . . .

HELP ME UP, CALEB!

LOOK . . . IT'S BLUE DESTINY.

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IT BELONGS TO MY DYNASTY, THE DYNASTY OF ESCANOR!

THIS SWORD CAN HOLD MY POWERS.

I WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU, BE BY YOUR SIDE . . .

BUT I HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH POWER.

BUT THANKS TO THIS SWORD I'LL BE WITH YOU!

. . . ELYON . . .

. . . NOO!

And thus, Elyon and Blue Destiny become one.

CLANG

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...WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?

ELYON!!!

LEAVE HER ALONE!

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UNTIL ELYON GETS BETTER, I'LL BE SITTING ON THE THRONE, SO YOU'LL BE REPORTING TO ME!

WHAT WERE YOU PLOTTING?

THE QUEEN WANTS ME TO ENTER THE CLOUD ...

ELYON, HONEY ...

FORGET IT!

YOUR TASK WAS TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM APPROACHING THE CLOUD! BUT YOU HAVE FAILED!

NO ONE HAS PASSED! ELYON TOLD ME . . .

NO EXCUSES! YOU ARE HERE BY LIBERATED FROM ALL MISSIONS!

DROP THAT WEAPON!

I WILL NOT USE IT AGAINST YOU!

STOP!

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GUARDS!

STOP HIM! AT ALL COSTS!

On the run.

He was here! I know it!

Then find him!

I don't like chasing Caleb!

Sscch!

And orders only!

You will follow orders!

Yes, Sir!

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Search all residents!

It's you they're looking for, isn't it?

YOU'RE SO SHARP-SIGHTED!

YOU'VE EXASPERATED SOMEONE, HAVEN'T YOU?

IN A WAY, YOU'RE RIGHT!

OPEN UP!

TONC TONC TONC

OPEN THE DOOR RIGHT NOW, OR WE'LL BREAK IT IN!

DOWN THE HATCH?

UPSTAIRS IS A BETTER CHOICE! THE BASEMENT ISN'T SAFE ANYMORE!

SBRAM

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THERE'S NO ONE HERE!

BUT I HEARD VOICES!

SO WHAT NOW?

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT THIRTY MINUTES?

FINALLY, US AGAINST THE WORLD... LIKE BACK IN THE OLD DAYS!

COVER ME WHILE I ENTER THE CLOUD!

PURE CHILD'S PLAY!

HI, GUYS! I'VE TAKEN THE WRONG PATH AGAIN!

HIM AGAIN!

THAT'S IT!

WITHOUT CALEB'S HELP YOU WON'T GET AWAY!

HMM... LET ME THINK...

HALT!

...I'M OUTTA HERE!

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COME ON, LET'S GET HIM!

Inside of the cloud...

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PARALYZED MONSTERS WHICH RADIATE LIGHT!

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An omen of pain is floating through the castle halls.

...AND SINCE THEN SHE HASN'T RECOVERED.

WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN.

ELYON, CAN YOU HEAR US?

IT'S AS IF SHE WASN'T HERE ...

BUT SHE IS! I HEAR HER THOUGHTS ...

...AND THEY'RE FOR YOU, CORNELIA!

KREEEK

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DON'T BE AFRAID, ELYON! WE WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE!

WELL?

SHE WANTS CORNELIA TO FORGIVE HER . . .

FOR WHAT? FRIENDSHIP FORGIVES ANYTHING!

. . . FOR BEING IN LOVE WITH CALEB!

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TO BE CONTINUED IN PART 2 . . . .

Inside of the cloud, Blue Destiny vibrates and radiates an uncontrollable light . . .

FLASH

OH, THANKS FOR THE WARM WELCOME!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I TOLD YOU TO TURN BACK!

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YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED ME INTO THE CLOUD!

I THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING! I WOULDN'T MIND GETTING RICH!

YOU WILL DO NOTHING HERE!

YOU WILL NOT LOOK AT ANYTHING, NOT TOUCH ANYTHING AND NOT TAKE ANYTHING!

OKAY, OKAY! DON'T GET ALL EXCITED!

DON'T TAKE A SINGLE STEP BEFORE TALKING TO ME FIRST, UNDERSTOOD?

IF YOU WANT, YOU'RE WELCOME TO LEAVE!

BUT I DON'T WANT THAT! I CAN HELP YOU!

While the statues wake from their long slumber . . .

FINE, AS YOU WISH. LET'S LOOK THROUGH THAT HUT!

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WHY ARE WE HERE, CALEB?

WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR THIS TIME?

DO YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS? NOW, HELP ME . . .

THERE'S NO ONE HERE, AND YOU KNOW IT!

I'M NOT EXPECTING TO FIND ANYONE . . .

. . . BUT SOMETHING, SOMETHING TO HELP ME UNDERSTAND.

WHY ARE WE WAKING UP?

THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN NOW!

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COME ON, CALEB! WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME WHY WE'RE HERE?

SHE'S DYING, WALI ...

...THE ONE RESPONSIBLE IS AN EVIL POWER WHO'S HIDING IN HERE. I HAVE TO FIND IT AND DESTROY IT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE ...

YEAH, EXACTLY!

OUR WORLD DEPENDS ON HER LIGHT!

AND NOT JUST ON THAT, I BELIEVE!

" BEFORE I LEFT, SHE GAVE ME A SWORD CONTAINING ALL OF HER REMAINING POWERS."

DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? I CANNOT FAIL!

HMM ... I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN BED THIS MORNING!

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UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE WRITINGS!

...WHICH MEANS WE CAN LEAVE!

SSCH ...BE QUIET!

OUCH!

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CALEB, HELP!

DON'T MOVE!

GIVE ME YOUR WEAPON!

PLEASE, DO AS HE SAYS!

BELIEVE ME, FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO YOUR FRIEND!

AND DON'T EXPECT ANY PITY FROM ME!

CALEB . . .

KRAK

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I TOLD YOU TO WAIT . . .

WE THANK YOU, MA'AM!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WAIT?!

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I WANT TO KNOW WHY . . .

. . . THE SHADOW APPEARS EVERY TWENTY YEARS AND WHY IT HASN'T DISAPPEARED THIS TIME!

STRAAP

THIS PLACE IS A PRISON, KNOWN AS THE VILLAGE OF SHADOWS.

THE CAPTURED SHADOWS ARE US! MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE LIFELESS, LIKE STONE ...

IT'S BECAUSE THE GUARD USES OUR ENERGY TO MAKE THIS PRISON EXIST.

OW! TAKE IT EASY!

WHEN IT'S TIME FOR THE AWAKENING, HE GIVES US OUR SHAPE BACK!

NOT UNTIL THEN, WE CAN EAT AND LONG FOR LIFE OR REGRET OUR CRIMES!

AND WHAT KIND OF CRIMES WOULD THAT BE?

NO ONE REMEMBERS THEM ANY-MORE.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER, I THINK.

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YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHY YOU'RE HERE IN MERIDIAN.

THE VILLAGE OF SHADOWS TRAVELS CONSTANTLY FROM ONE WORLD TO THE OTHER, WITHOUT EVER STAYING . . .

NOT EVEN ONCE . . .

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. . . AND WHEN IT REACHES THE LAST WORLD . . .

. . . IT JUST STARTS OVER.

NO PLACE CAN WITHSTAND THE PAIN THAT FOLLOWS US FOR VERY LONG.

BUT NOW YOU'VE STOPPED IN MERIDIAN.

ONLY THE GUARD KNOWS WHY. HE MUST'VE FOUND A SOURCE OF ENERGY, STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP US HERE.

WILL YOU GO TO THE PALACE AND TALK TO THE GUARD?

WILL YOU TRY AND STOP ME?

NO, BUT YOUR FRIEND STAYS WITH US!

GREAT ...

WALI, I CAN'T ...

OH, JUST GO! NEXT TIME YOU ASK ME NOT TO FOLLOW YOU, I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!

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WHY DID YOU LET HIM GO?

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND MUCH, BUT ...

THEN YOU'LL MAKE US DISSOLVE!

...
HE'S GOT HIS FREEDOM, UNLIKE US ...

IF IT'S FREEDOM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, I COULD GET YOU OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME!

SORRY ... I ... I DIDN'T KNOW ...

The guard's palace in the cloud.

"...WITH THIS SWORD I'LL BE WITH YOU!"

ELYON!

DO NOT TOUCH HER SHADOW...

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But since I'm here, I will help you!

I'm telling you, get rid of the trespassers!

No! If the beam from that weapon hadn't hit us, we'd still be paralyzed.

We wait before acting!

Let's attack first, thinking can be saved for later!

TUD!

I said no!

Grrrr...

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BEFORE we do anything at all, we first have to understand what's going on.

You can't treat me like this... I'll act without your support...

Against evil, ...

...can courage...

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...hope...

STOMP

KZZASH!

. . . and love . . .

. . . achieve anything.

AAAH!

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THE ROYAL CASTLE IN MERIDIAN . . .

NOOO!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

HER BODY IS FADING!

I CAN NO LONGER HEAR HER THOUGHTS!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

LET'S UNITE OUR POWERS TO PROTECT HER!

I'LL GO GET CORNELIA!

I DON'T WANT TO FEEL THIS WAY! MY FEELINGS FOR CALEB ARE GONE!

I WON'T BE JEALOUS OVER SOMETHING WHICH IS JUST A MEMORY . . .

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CORNELIA...

YES?

ELYON HAS GOTTEN WORSE AND WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. WE WONT MAKE IT WITHOUT YOUR POWER.

SURE! LET'S GO ...

WE'RE READY!

THEY'RE HERE! WE'RE READY, WILL!

HEART OF KANDRA-KAR!

WAAN

YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT, ELYON!

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YOU OWE ME THAT, AT LEAST!

TO BE CONTINUED IN PART 3...

The Guard's palace.

DON'T MOVE!

YOU HAVE BEATEN ME ...

... BUT I HAVE WON!

WHAT THE ...

SO IT IS WRITTEN.

WHOEVER BEATS THE GUARD IN AN HONEST FIGHT ...

... BECOMES GUARD IN ITS TURN AND LOSES HIMSELF.

NOO ...

YOU ARE NO LONGER CALEB ...

...YOU ARE NOW THE NEW GUARD ...

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I KNOW WHO I AM!

... AND YOU WILL BE A PRISONER IN THIS PLACE ...

... JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

IS THAT CALEB?

SOMEONE'S COMING THIS WAY ...

LET ME THROUGH, BEASTS!

FORGET IT!

NO, WALI. IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE!

YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE GONNA LET YOU GO AFTER WHAT YOU DID!?

WATCH OUT! I'VE GOT THE STRANGER'S WEAPON!

THAT GIVES A MUCH GREATER POWER THAN THE GUARD!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SCARE SOMEONE WHO'S NO LONGER GOT ANYTHING TO LOSE?

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I'LL ANNIHILATE YOU, YOU COWARD!

GUYS, LET'S BE REASONAB... BUT WHAT'S THAT?

NO GUARD HAS EVER LEFT THE PALACE BEFORE!

STOP RIGHT THERE!

YOU FORGET THAT I HAVE THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!

BUT YOU'RE IN MY PRISON NOW!

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SO NOW YOU'RE OUR NEW GUARD?

WELL, I THINK IT'S GOOD NEWS!

CALEB?

CALEB!

STOP!

TUNC

IT'S THE POWER IN THAT LANCE WHICH KEEPS US STUCK IN YOUR WORLD!

I KNOW.

IF YOU DESTROY IT, WE'LL START OUR ENDLESS JOURNEY, AND YOU'LL REMAIN IN THE TRAP WITH US.

WHAT?

I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE!

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THAT'S RIGHT WALI, YOU WON'T STAY!

BUT CAN'T WE FIND A WAY TO ...

WEEEEE

By destroying the guard's lance, Caleb frees the light of Meridian ...

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... and Blue Destiny absorbs it.

OH, NOT BAD, THIS LIGHT!

IT HAS A STRANGE HEAT!

WALI, TAKE IT TO ELYON RIGHT AWAY!

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AND TELL HER ...

...WHAT YOU SHOULD TELL HER.

WOOOM

Finally, the cloud leaves Meridian ...

YOU'RE SO STUBBORN, CALEB!

YOU'RE A REALLY LOUSY FRIEND!

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. . . just to show up in another world.

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"You can see the outside world in your thoughts . . ."

"But you will be a prisoner in this place, just like everyone else."

Guard!

Use his name, you idiot!

We would like to ask you a favor, Caleb!

What would that be?

We want a new life!

We don't want to become paralyzed again!

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WHY DO YOU EXPECT ME TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEVER HAD?

SHADIGA SAYS YOU'RE DIFFERENT ...

"YES, IT'S TRUE: I WAS CREATED BY A TYRANT TO BE HIS EYES AND EARS."

"I WENT AGAINST HIS WILL..."

"...AND FOUGHT AGAINST HIM."

NOW I'M A GUARD IN AN ENDLESS PRISON AND HAVE TO FOLLOW DECISIONS THAT ARE TAKEN BY SOMEONE WHO I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO IT IS.

BUT EVERYTHING'S BECOME LIKE IT WAS FROM THE BEGINNING. MY CRUEL FATE IS TO BE A SLAVE!

At the castle in Meridian. Rescue and pain . . .

WHAT'S THE POINT?

WHAT'S THE POINT OF FINDING OUT THIS NOW? WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOU SAVING ME NOW IF CALEB'S NOT HERE?

HE DID IT FOR YOU, ELYON!

DON'T LOSE YOUR COURAGE, ELYON!

CORNELIA, I'M SO SORRY!

PLEASE, DON'T HATE ME!

WHY WOULD I? CALEB AND I BROKE UP A LONG TIME AGO!

WHEN I FIRST FOUND OUT, I WAS HURT, BUT THEN, WHEN YOU WERE GETTING WORSE, I FELT LIKE A MONSTER FOR FEELING THAT WAY!

I'VE GOT SOMEONE ELSE WAITING FOR ME IN HEATHER-FIELD!

I HOPE THAT WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU NOW CAN HELP YOU, MY QUEEN!

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WHEN HE TRANSFORMED INTO A GUARD, HE GOT TERRIBLY UGLY AND SEVEN FEET TALL!

HE'S GOT YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR... ARE YOU RELATED?

WELL... HE WAS JUST TRYING TO PLAY IT DOWN!

YOU AND ME BETTER GO FOR A WALK...

I DON'T THINK I MADE THE SITUATION ANY BETTER!

YOU TRIED, BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK. I KNOW THAT FROM EXPERIENCE!

CALEB WAS... I MEAN... IS AN AMAZING FRIEND.

GIRLS, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU...

ONCE AGAIN, YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR US.

WITHOUT YOU, ELYON WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT.

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"YOU KEPT HER ALIVE UNTIL BLUE DESTINY CAME AND GAVE HER POWER AND STRENGTH BACK."

KWIIK

IF YOU HAD HELPED CALEB INSTEAD OF TRYING TO STOP HIM, HE'D STILL BE HERE!

I WANTED TO PROTECT YOU, BUT ... I WAS WRONG!

FORGIVE ME, ELYON!

I'M NOT READY TO FORGIVE ...

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...NOT YET!

Silence and waiting . . .

WELL, WILL YOU GIVE US WHAT WE ASKED YOU FOR?

YOU OWE US AN ANSWER.

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NO.

I TOLD YOU! WE SHOULD HAVE DESTROYED HIM RIGHT AWAY. HE'S JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!

NO. IT'S WORSE THAN THAT.

THE GUARD HAS ALREADY TAKEN OVER THE MAN'S PLACE.

WHY?

I DO NOT KNOW WHY YOU HAVE ENDED UP IN THIS PRISON . . .

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...BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'VE ALREADY PAID ENOUGH. I COMMAND ...

...THE VALLEY OF SHADOWS TO CEASE TO EXIST!

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BRRRRMM

QUICKLY! GET AWAY FROM THE PALACE!

KRRR

KA-BOOM

And while the cloud explodes . . .

KA-BOOM

. . . all fright that came with it, disappears!

CALEB!

ARE YOU OKAY?

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FREE!

WE'RE FREE!

ТЫС

Free.

WELCOME BACK, CALEB!

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WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE!

WATER! FRESH WATER!

THE GUARD WAS A PART OF THE WORLD YOU DESTROYED. HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU WOULD SURVIVE?

I DIDN'T. I WAS JUST HOPING!

SO WHAT NOW?

THIS WORLD IS UNINHABITED. YOU CAN MAKE IT YOUR OWN.

AND YOU?

I'M HERE, RIGHT? I'M STAYING.

YOUR ELYON IS SAVED. WE'RE FREE AND HAVE A NEW LIFE. WHY DID YOU DO ALL THIS?

BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH?

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I MEAN . . . WHAT DID YOU GAIN FROM IT?

THE POSSIBILITY TO BE THE PERSON I'VE CHOSEN TO BE!

TAKE THIS! WITH IT, YOU CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN WORLDS. I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.

RETURN HOME, DREAMER!

BUT . . . AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME!

SHADIGA.

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Back in Meridian . . .

LOOK, IRMA! DOWN THERE!

BUT . . . WHAT IS IT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

YOU JUST CAN'T ADMIT DEFEAT!

I CAN'T DO THIS . . .

ELYON! GIRLS! IT'S AMAZING!

HAY LIN! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

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HE'S DOWN THERE, IN THE GARDEN!

YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT EXPLAINING . . .

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT? DON'T YOU GET IT?

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HE HAS RETURNED! CALEB IS IN THE GARDEN!

CALEB?!

CORNELIA...

YEAH...

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? RUN TO HIM!

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IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

YOU BET!

IT'S TIME TO GO HOME!

I THINK I OWE THAT GUY AN APOLOGY!

YES... IT'S ABOUT OUR DAUGHTER'S LIFE AND HER HAPPINESS!

WHY HAVEN'T YOU TOLD ME EARLIER?

BECAUSE OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH CORNELIA ...

... AND BECAUSE YOU'RE THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN. YOU'RE THE QUEEN!

I AM TO THE OTHERS, BUT NOT FOR YOU, AND YOU KNOW THAT ...

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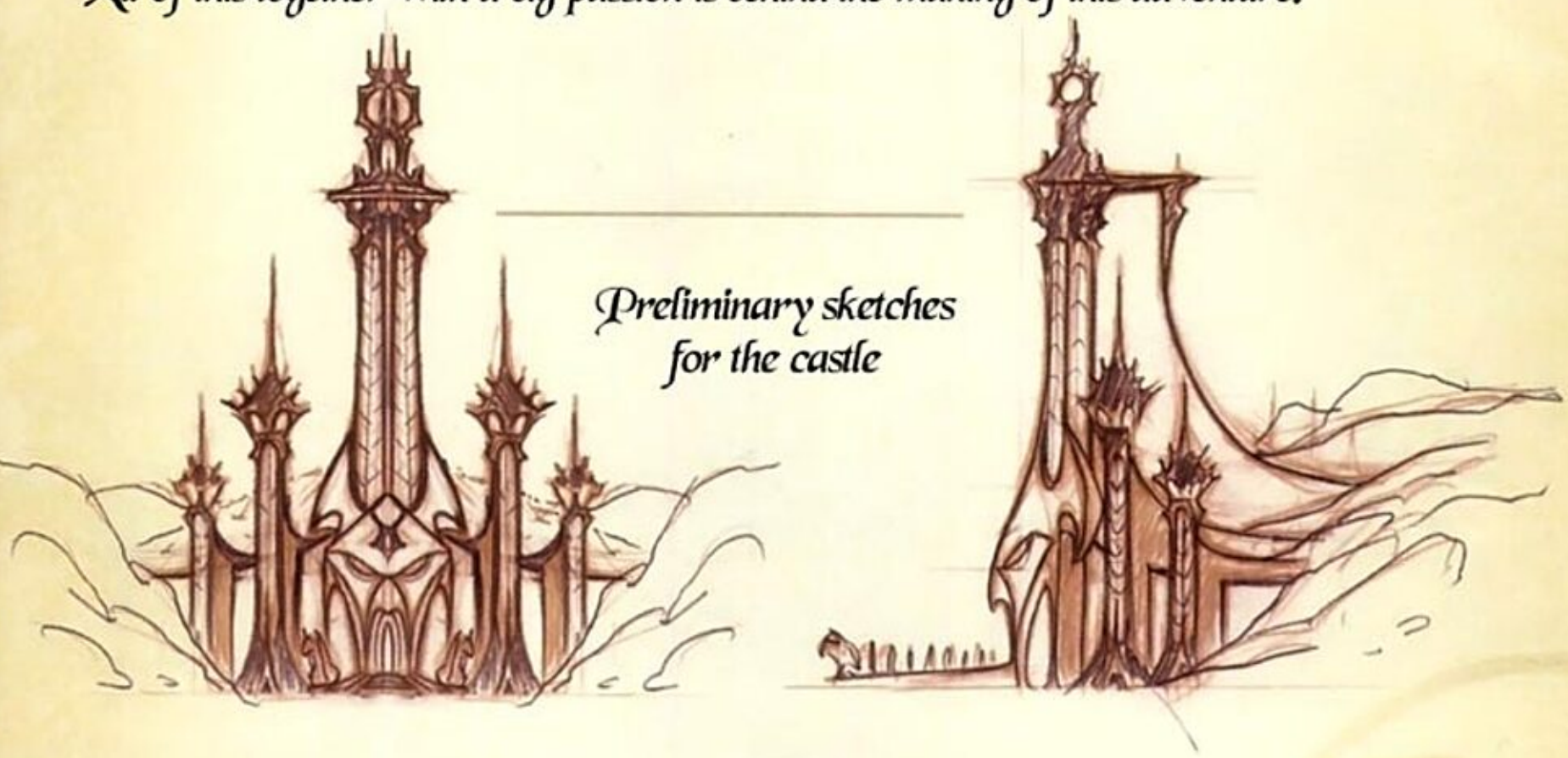
... FOR YOU I AM, AND WILL ALWAYS BE, JUST ELYON.

The End.

Behind the scenes

Now you'll get to know everything! On these pages you'll take part of the material that has been used to give life to this story. You'll see sketches, drawings and samples of how to draw the characters. All of this together with a big passion is behind the making of this adventure.



Preliminary sketches for the castle

Somewhere in an endless universe with several parallel worlds, the Secret Architects have created the Valley of Shadows. What was their purposes? How many other forgotten realities did they create? We asked the creators of this adventure to tell and anectdote exciting things about it.

Samples of colors and atmospheres

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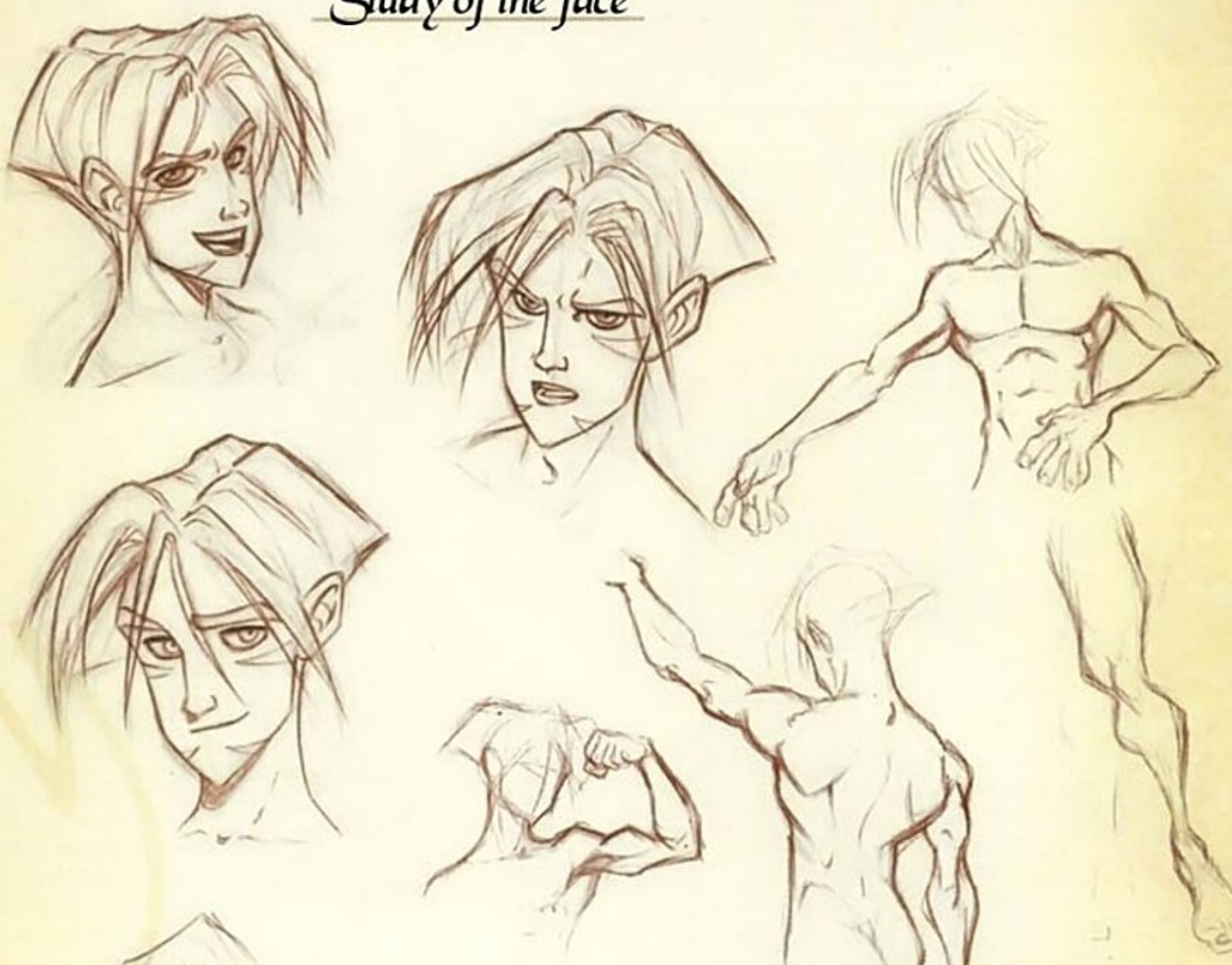
Study of the face



Anatomical positions

Final outfit

Gianluca: (artist):
"I've always liked Caleb.
I wanted him to express what
he still hasn't been able to say
in the W.I.T.C.H. comic."

Caleb

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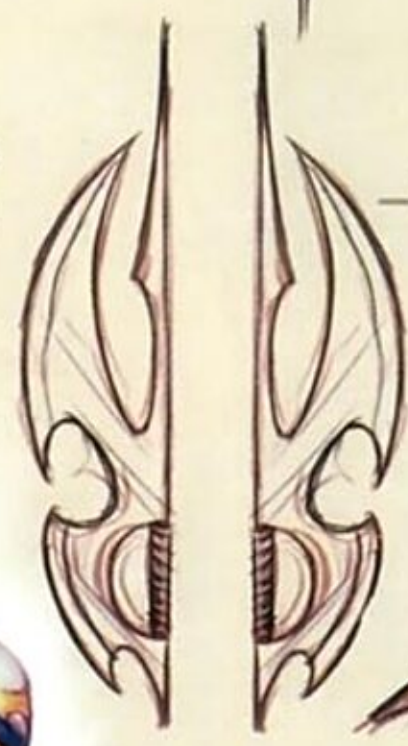
Minor characters

Paola: (scriptwriter): *"The funniest but also the hardest part is to succeed in producing real people in the characters which are not leading characters. I like to think of them as people in yet unwritten stories. Shadiga, Wali and even the guard could have a lot to tell if they wanted to."*

The Guard

Gianluca: (artist):
"The guard is a person who was fun to draw, because when I draw the evil guys it feels like I can make up things freely."



The Guard's weapon

The Guard's bracelet

Caleb as a guard

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Wali

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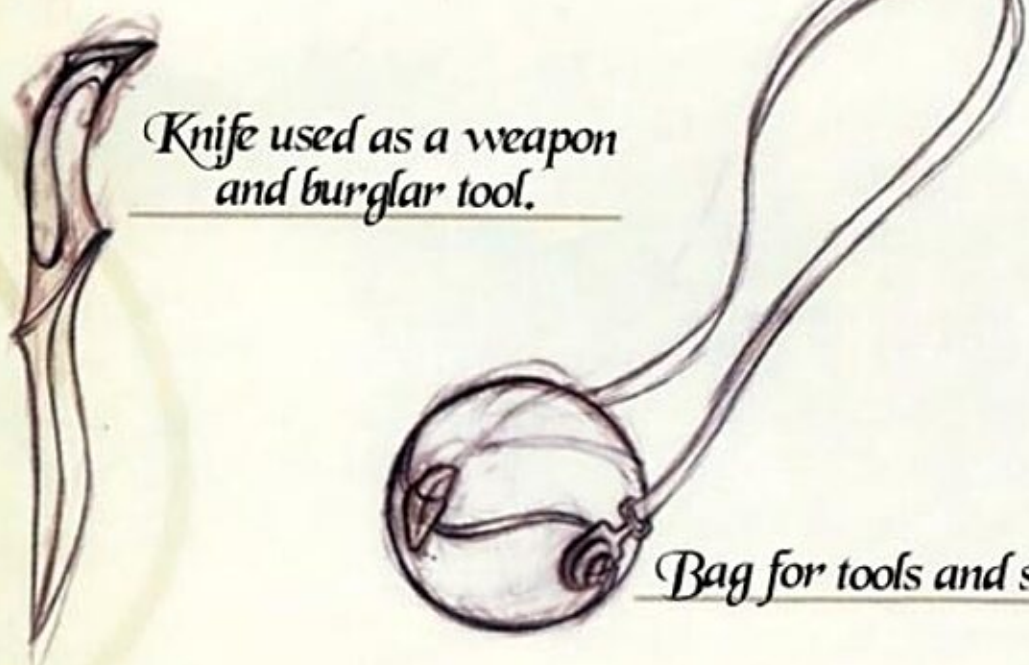
Gianluca (artist):
"Giving life to Wali wasn't easy! I had to mix a strong personality with sharp irony."



Knife used as a weapon and burglar tool.

Bag for tools and stolen goods.

Shadiga

Gianluca: *"I wanted to draw a character that gives the feeling of a warrior's strength and at the same time a primitive creature's femininity."*

Magical necklace

For travelling between different dimensions.

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The Costumes

When you create the characters, you have to be able to think like a designer too. Just like in real life, the clothes tell something about the one who wears them. It's the first thing our eyes notice.

Elyon

Miriadel

Gianluca (artist):
"I like the fact that the clothes on the people, who belong to the same world have a common, basic style. The costume I like the most in this story is Elyon's."

Alborn

Royal Guard

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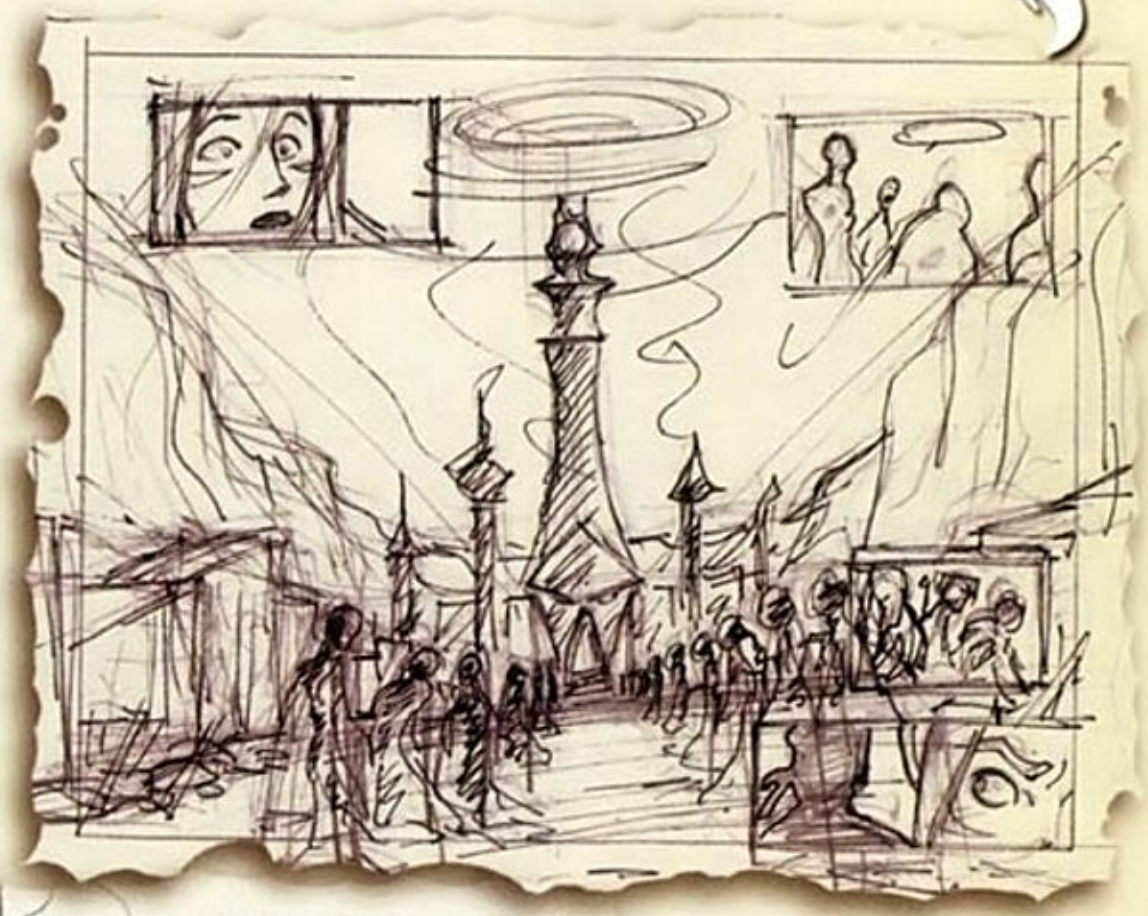
How a scene is created . . .

Phase 1
concept

Paola (scripwriter):
"In the script I try creating a unique atmosphere for each scene . . ."

Gianluca (artist):
" After reading the script I do a quick scetch to find the right composition for the scene, the shape and size of the speach bubbles, the positions of the characters and the framework."



Phase 2
layout

Gianluca: *"It's the final sketch where I bring out the details."*

Phase 3
pen and ink drawing

Gianluca: *"The final version of the scene that has been drawn is now edited with indian ink . . ."*

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Phase 4
basic colors

Paolo (colorist) :
" After scanning the scene, I add colors to the characters and the background. The colors have been selected in advance in consultation with the artist. Especially the color of the sky, since that's what's affecting the entire scene's atmosphere and main coloration. "

Phase 5
finishing colors

Paolo: *" The following steps are based on adding shadows to the characters and the background, and right after that comes the light effects, which make it possible for me to get the characters three dimensional. Everything is in different layers so that it will be easy to change and correct things if needed. To finish things off, I create the dominant atmospheres and special effects like flashes, brightness, energy and light effects which are supposed to bring out and complement the page's 'magic'. "*

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